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HB 2163 expands eligibility for limited driving privileges to offenders who complete certain Department of Corrections treatment programs.

Limited driving privileges are an exception to the normal operation of Missouri’s licensing laws, which exist primarily to protect public safety on the state’s roadways. Expanding these exceptions should be approached with caution.

Completion of a treatment program is an important step toward rehabilitation, but it does not automatically eliminate the underlying conduct that led to license suspension or revocation. The bill provides little statutory guidance regarding how courts should evaluate the continuing public safety risks when granting these privileges.

Missouri law already allows courts to issue limited driving privileges in cases of demonstrated hardship. Creating additional statutory pathways for eligibility risks undermining the purpose of the licensing restrictions originally imposed.

Before expanding access to limited driving privileges, the General Assembly should carefully consider whether the current system already provides sufficient judicial discretion without weakening the protective framework governing driver eligibility.